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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. CAMERON, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 603) to amend and continue in force the act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, reported it with the following amendments:

**AMENDMENTS.**

1        SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the register, collect-  
2 or, and surveyor of the said city shall severally be elected on the  
3 first Monday in June next, and on the same day in every second  
4 year thereafter, at the same time and place, in the same man-  
5 ner, and by the persons qualified to vote for mayor and mem-  
6 bers of the board of aldermen and board of common council;  
7 and the commissioners of election shall make out duplicate cer-  
8 tificates of the result of election for register, collector, and survey-  
9 or, and shall return one to the board of aldermen, and the other to  
10 the board of common council, on the Monday next ensuing the day  
11 of election; and the persons having the greatest number of votes  
12 for those offices, respectively, shall be register, collector, or sur-  
13 veyor, as the case may be; but in case two or more persons,  
14 highest in vote, shall have an equal number of votes for either  
15 of said offices, then it shall be lawful for the board of aldermen  
16 and board of common council to proceed forthwith, by ballot, in

17 joint meeting, to determine the choice between such persons.  
18 And full power and authority are hereby granted to the corpo-  
19 ration of Washington to pass all such laws as may be necessary  
20 to define and regulate the respective duties, powers, and author-  
21 ity of the said register, collector, and surveyor, and also to pre-  
22 scribe the amount of bond and security to be given to the said  
23 corporation by each, before entering upon the duties of their re-  
24 spective offices, and generally to pass all such laws as may be  
25 necessary to insure an efficient and faithful discharge of the du-  
26 ties of their respective offices by the said register, collector, and  
27 surveyor ; and in case the said officers, or either of them, shall  
28 fail or refuse to comply with any law, resolution, or order of the  
29 said corporation, or shall fail to discharge the duties of their re-  
30 spective offices with fidelity and with a strict regard to the in-  
31 terests of the said corporation, or shall prove unable or incom-  
32 petent, from any cause whatever, to discharge such duties, or  
33 shall be guilty of any malversation in office, or shall be convict-  
34 ed of any high crime or misdemeanor, it shall be lawful for the  
35 majority of the board of aldermen and board of common coun-  
36 cil, by joint resolution, to remove such officer and to order an  
37 election to fill the vacancy ; and in case of the refusal or failure  
38 of any person elected to either of said offices to accept of the  
39 same, or to give such bond and security as may be required by  
40 the said corporation within twenty days after his election, or in  
41 case of the death, resignation, or removal from the said city of

42 any person elected to or holding either of said offices, it shall be  
43 lawful for the board of aldermen and board of common council  
44 to declare said office vacant, and to order an election to fill the  
45 vacancy. And in all cases where it shall become necessary to  
46 hold an election to fill a vacancy in either of said offices, the  
47 same regulations shall be observed as to the appointment of com-  
48 missioners to hold said elections, and as to holding the elections  
49 and the returns of the same, as are observed at the regular an-  
50 nual elections: *Provided*, That this section shall be submitted  
51 to the legal voters of the city of Washington on the first  
52 Wednesday in May next, for their approval or disapproval; and  
53 if a majority of the legal voters of the said city voting on the  
54 occasion shall then approve of the same by voting "yes," this  
55 section shall be in full force and effect; but if a majority of the  
56 said voters shall disapprove of this section by voting "no," then  
57 the same shall not go into effect; and the said corporation shall  
58 have full power and authority to appoint commissioners to re-  
59 ceive the votes; and in receiving the same and making returns  
60 thereof, the same forms and regulations shall be observed as in  
61 the case of election for mayor.

62 Change section three to section four.